



Clover Clips



April 2003



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From Ms. Vickie

Thanks to all of you who helped make our first 4-H Event at our new office a success. Over 120 4-H members, parents and leaders attended the County Awards program on March 14. It was great to be able to recognize so many of our outstanding 4-H members.

The goal of the 4-H Awards program is to recognize each 4-H member for their participation and accomplishments in 4-H. That means that 4-H members need to participate in 4-H projects and activities.

Now is the time to start working towards the next 4-H Awards program. County Events is coming up April 4th and every 4-H member should participate.

Also please remember to attend the Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of our new Extension Office on Thursday April 3 (see attached invitation).

As always, if you have any questions about or need assistance with 4-H please call us.

Ms. Vickie and Ms. Angela

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County Events

Friday April 4, 2003
5:30 – 8:30 pm
New 4-H Office
6263 Dogwood Drive
Milton

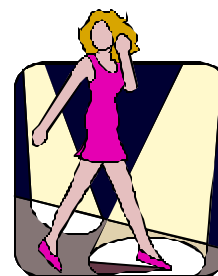
If you haven't signed up, please call today. It's not too late to participate in County Events.

Cloverbuds can participate in Show and Share, Recite the 4-H Pledge, or display exhibits of their 4-H work, Posters, and or Photography.

Junior and Senior 4-H members may participate in Demonstrations, Public Speaking, Share the Fun (talent show), Poster Art, Photography, or Fashion Revue with clothes they have made or bought. 4-H'ers may also bring items that they have made in 4-H to exhibit.

County Events Schedule

5:30 – 6:00 pm Registration
6:00 – 6:30 pm Opening Assembly,
County Council Meeting
6:30 - 7:30 pm Demonstrations
7:30 – 8:30 pm Pizza, Share the Fun &
Fashion Revue
8:30 pm Awards



UPCOMING EVENTS

New Office Open House

Ribbon Cutting and Dedication

**Thursday April 3, 2003
3:30-5:30 pm**

All 4-H members, parents, leaders and friends are invited to join us to celebrate our new facility. 4-H members or clubs who would like to donate cookies or other refreshments should call Ms. Vickie or Ms. Angela.

4-H County Council Meeting at County Events

Friday April 4, 2003

Every club should have two club members to represent their club at the 4-H County Council Meeting to be held at County Events. This is usually the President and Vice President of the club, however each club may decide who will be their delegates. The function of the County Council is to help plan and conduct county wide 4-H programs and activities. Each club has two voting delegates who will vote to voice the desires and opinions of their club.

As a part of the County Events program we plan to have a parade of clubs as part of the opening ceremony. We would like for each club to have their two voting delegates march in holding a banner or poster with their club name.



American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

**Friday and Saturday
May 2 & 3
PJC Milton**

4-H Clubs and members who wish to join the Santa Rosa County 4-H Club Relay for Life Team should call Ms. Angela. Set-up begins at Noon on Friday, Relay begins at 5:00 pm Friday and ends at Noon on Saturday. You do NOT have to stay for the entire event. Any assistance that you can provide will be appreciated.

4-H'ers who wish to participate in the all night activities should come prepared. Bring your sleeping bags and cooler for snacks and drinks.

4-H'ers participating must have a signed permission slip from parents. Call Ms. Angela to obtain forms.

SWAT Countywide Meeting

**Tuesday, April 8th
6:00—7:30 pm
Milton Health Dept.**

Middle and High School Youth interested in participating in the countywide Students Working Against Tobacco Program are invited to attend the SWAT meeting.

For more information contact:
Ms. Angela or Mrs. Vickie
Or

The new Santa Rosa County
Anti-Tobacco partnership coordinator
Ron Davis at 983-5200.

Listening Session

Do you like to express your opinion? Do you care about Santa Rosa County? Do you like having your ideas heard? Then come to the Santa Rosa County Extension Listening session and give your input into how the Extension Service can better serve Santa Rosa County in the next five years.

We encourage anyone interested in the Extension Service Program to participate and help identify the needs that the Extension Service can address these needs in Santa Rosa County. The meeting will be open to the public. Please plan to attend:

**Santa Rosa County Extension
Service Listening Session
Monday, April 21
4:00 – 6:00 pm
New Extension Office
6263 Dogwood Drive
Milton, Florida**

President's Student Service Award

Any 4-H member from age 5 to 18 years may participate in the President's Student Service Award. All you need to do is keep a record of your community service hours. For more information about this program please call Ms. Vickie or Ms. Angela.

TEEN TIME NEWS

Citizenship Club Meeting Immediately following Teen Court on 4th Monday Monday April 28th Monday May 19th (3rd Monday)

4-H Citizenship Club is open to all Middle and High School age youth. It is a great way to become involved in your community. The Citizenship Club meets immediately following Teen Court on the 4th Monday of each month. Meeting date may be changed due to holidays or other special needs.

Citizenship Club Car Wash

Car Wash April 19th
Hardee's Hwy. 90 - Pace
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Car Wash May 24th
Whataburger in Pace
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Funds obtained from the car wash will be used to provide scholarship for summer 4-H activities.

Teen Court

Mondays
4:00pm – 6:30 pm
Milton Court House
April 7th, 21st, 28th
May 5th, 12th, 19th
No Teen Court May 28th due
to Memorial Day Holiday

Any Middle or High School age youth may serve as a volunteer for the Santa Rosa County Teen Court program. This is a great way to get community service hours for scholarships and a wonderful way to serve your community.

4-H Day at the Legislature

Tuesday April 15th
Tallahassee
Cost \$15 for the bus
Approximately \$10 for lunch
and snacks
For Middle and High School
4-H Members

It's not too late to sign up for the educational and fun field trip to Tallahassee. We will be taking a charter bus. Youth will be able to tour the Capitol, observe the Florida Legislature in action and participate in a Mock Supreme Court Trial. For more information or to make a reservation call Ms. Angela or Ms. Vickie today. There only a few seats left on the bus.



Camp Counselor Training

Friday – Saturday
May 9 – 10
Starting at 5:00 pm
Langley Bell 4-H Center
Cost \$10.00

We have had many teens to inquire about becoming a camp counselor this summer. If you are interest in becoming a Camp Counselor, you need to attend the Camp Counselor training. For more information call Ms. Vickie or Ms. Angela.



Congressional Award Program

4-H members age 13 ½ – 24 years old are encouraged to participate in the national Congressional Award Program. The program recognizes youth for setting and completing goals in the areas of Volunteer Service, Physical Fitness, Personal Development and Expedition/Exploration.

You can NOT count any hours or activities until you have registered, so if you aren't already signed up call us today. If you are interested in the program or want more information, please call Ms. Vickie or Ms. Angela.

District Council Officer Elections Saturday, April 26th At District Events Crestview

If you are interested in running for a 4-H District Office you must contact Ms Vickie ASAP. District Council Officer Elections will be held during District Events on April 26 in Crestview. District Council Delegate Credential Forms must be turned in to Ms Vickie by Monday, April 21st.

LOOKING AHEAD - SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Portfolios Due Rough Draft due Wednesday, May 14

**Final Draft due
Tuesday, May 27**

Senior 4-H members 13-18 who want to be considered for National 4-H Congress and or National 4-H Conference should be working on their 4-H portfolio. If you need help, please call Ms. Vickie or Ms. Angela.

Graduating Senior 4-H members who want to apply for any of the College Scholarships provided by 4-H must submit a 4-H portfolio.

Community Pride Final Reports

Reminder to 4-H Clubs who received Community Pride Grants – your final report is due to the Santa Rosa County 4-H Office by Tuesday May 27. Call Ms. Vickie if you need help.

Congressional Award Program Records Due in June

Plans are being made for a Congressional Award Recognition Program to be held sometime in August. Participants who wish to be recognized at the Awards program will be required to submit their records in June. If you are already registered for the program you need to get busy working on your record. If you need assistance or have questions, please call Ms. Vickie or Ms. Angela.

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**4-H Camp
June 9-13
Camp Timpoochee in
Niceville - Cost \$150**

The \$150 camp fee provides for all food, lodging, camp T-shirt, canteen and transportation from the Extension Office on Monday June 9 and return to the Extension Office on Friday June 13.

Santa Rosa County Junior 4-H Members age 8-12 as of September 1, 2002 may attend as campers. Senior 4-H members ages 13-18 may participate only as camp counselors or counselors in training and must attend a Camp Counselor Training Workshop.

We have only 60 spots reserved Santa Rosa County 4-H members. Registration will be taken on a first come basis. A \$50 deposit will be required for camp registration. If you are interested in participating in camp, call the 4-H Office and ask for a Camp Registration Packet.

4-H members who qualify for free or reduced lunch will receive a \$25 discount.

Shooting Sports Camp

**June 29 – July 3
At Camp Timpoochee, Niceville
Cost \$200
For 4-H members 9-18 years old**

If you are interested in participating in the 4-H Shooting Sports Camp, please call Ms. Vickie or Ms. Angela for a Camp Registration Packet. Camp is limited; we have only 10 spots reserved for Santa Rosa County 4-H members. Registrations will be taken on a first come basis.

Other State 4-H Camps

The Florida 4-H program offers several other 4-H Camping opportunities during the summer at Camp Ocala, Camp Cloverleaf and Camp Cherrylake. If you are interested in receiving an informational brochure about the camping opportunities for youth please call Ms. Vickie or Ms. Angela.



**Marine Camp
July 7-11
Or
July 21-25
Camp Timpoochee
Cost about \$200
For Junior and
Senior 4-H members**

For an information packet, please call Ms. Vickie or Ms. Angela

4-H For Adults

Set Sail to Success October 2-5 Rock Eagle, Georgia

The 2003 Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will be held October 2-5, 2003 at Rock Eagle 4-H Camp in Georgia. Florida will be hosting the event this year and we need our Florida 4-H Volunteers to attend. There are also many different things that you could do to help. Check out the 4-H website and click on Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Conference to see what's planned. Florida 4-H website <http://florida4h.org>

Shooting Sports Instructor Training

May 9, 10, 11
4-H Camp Cherrylake
Cost about \$60

For adults and Senior 4-H members accompanied by an adult There will be a 4-H Shooting Sports Training at 4-H Camp Cherrylake (near Tallahassee) May 9, 10, 11. Training for Rifle, Shotgun and Archery will be taught. Remember in order to conduct a 4-H Shooting Sports program you must be a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. Adults and senior 4-H members accompanied by adults who wish to participate in this training should call Ms. Vickie or Ms. Angela for more information. The cost will be approximately \$60.

Join the 4-H Update List

It is important for 4-H Leaders and Parents to know what's up and what's going on in 4-H. Check out the Florida 4-H website at:
<http://florida4h.org>

Click on the "Join the 4-H Update List" and you will receive about 6 e-mails each month with the latest information about what's happening in 4-H.



MAKING WAVES IN 4-H



Santa Rosa Household Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day Scheduled - April 12th

Residents of Santa Rosa County may dispose of their household hazardous wastes, free of charge, on Saturday, April 12th from 8:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. These materials will be accepted at two sites in Santa Rosa: the south Santa Rosa Service Center, 5819 Gulf Breeze Parkway (in Midway---east of the Zoo south side of Hwy. 98) and Santa Rosa County Administrative Offices (on Hwy. 90 behind McDonald's). Typical items that residents may want to dispose of include pesticides, computers, used oil, batteries, solvents, stale gasoline, anti-freeze, paint, paint thinner and pool chemicals.

The amnesty day is designed for residents of Santa Rosa County only. Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG's) will be accepted at a reduced rate. For more information, residents should call the Solid Waste Department at 626-0191, 994-5721 or 939-1259 (ext. 1400).



For more information about Marine Science and/or Natural Resources contact::

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[Http://www.flseagrant.org](http://www.flseagrant.org)

Aquarius Writing Contest

There's an exciting new writing contest coming up which focuses on Aquarius. Aquarius is an underwater ocean laboratory located in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The laboratory is deployed three and half miles off-shore, at a depth of 60 feet, next to spectacular coral reefs.

The GRAND PRIZE will be a trip to Key Largo for a personal tour inside Aquarius for the winning student, his/her sponsoring teacher, and parent(s). A SCUBA certification course will be provided in Key Largo to the winning family and teacher. Upon successful completion of the course, the GRAND PRIZE winner teacher, and parents will tour Aquarius - UNDERWATER!

I Want to Live for Two Weeks Underwater in Aquarius Because...

A Writing Contest For NOAA and UNCW's Aquarius – America's Inner Space Station

Located 20 meters beneath the surface of the Atlantic Ocean, next to deep coral reefs in the Florida Keys, lies Aquarius—the world's only undersea laboratory. Scientists use Aquarius to study our oceans, as astronauts use the International Space Station to study our planet and outer space. Unlike SCUBA divers who typically return to the surface in less than an hour, Aquarius scientists, called aquanauts, explore and study coral reefs and their inhabitants for ten day missions (and sometimes longer), returning to the surface after their project is complete. Aquarius is owned by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and operated by the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW).

How do the aquanauts live underwater for so long? Where do they sleep? How do they get air? Who gets to be an aquanaut? What do they study? How deep can aquanauts dive from Aquarius? How does Aquarius operate? Find these answers and additional background information about Aquarius at its web site: www.uncw.edu/nurc/aquarius.

Aquarius aquanauts want to hear in 1000 words or less about why YOU want to live underwater in Aquarius for two weeks. Your essay must begin with, *"I want to live for two weeks underwater in Aquarius because..."* and should address the following:

1. Aquarius is currently located in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary where scientists study economically important and spectacular coral reefs. But Aquarius can operate at other sites too, from kelp forests off California to the rocky coasts off New England. You may write about living in Aquarius for two weeks underwater at any ocean or freshwater location you select, but you must justify why you think it's important to operate Aquarius at whatever site you choose.
2. As part of your justification for Aquarius site selection you will need to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of marine biology and environmental issues that apply to the relevant ecosystem and location.
3. You need to make sure that whatever site you choose meets the operational requirements and constraints of Aquarius. Your essay should demonstrate that you understand the advantages and risks of saturation diving. Also, identify anything about the site that makes Aquarius operations and saturation diving especially difficult or easy compared to its current location in the Florida Keys. Continued operation in the Florida Keys is allowable.

One GRAND PRIZE will be awarded that includes an all expense paid trip* to Key Largo for a personal tour inside Aquarius for the winning student, his/her sponsoring teacher, and parent(s). A SCUBA certification course will be provided in Key Largo to the winning family and teacher.** Upon successful completion of the course, the GRAND PRIZE winner, teacher, and parents will visit Aquarius – UNDERWATER!

Note, the GRAND PRIZE is a conventional SCUBA dive and not a saturation dive. You will not actually get to live inside Aquarius for two weeks (unless someday you become an Aquarius scientist!). Your visit to Aquarius includes a guided tour that will last approximately 45 minutes.

Ten additional prizes will be awarded that include coral reef identification books.

Contest Rules:

This contest is open to students in GRADES 8 - 12. An application form is available on the Aquarius web site (www.uncw.edu/aquarius), along with more detailed contest rules. **All submissions must be typed and the first paragraph must begin, "I want to live underwater for two weeks in Aquarius because..." and cannot exceed 1,000 words.** Submissions must include: Name, Address, Phone, E-mail, Birthday (minimum age is 13 by June 30, 2003), Name of School, Grade, Parent Signature, and Sponsoring Teacher Signature.

Mail entries to:

National Undersea Research Center
University of North Carolina at
Wilmington
C/O I Want to Live on the Ocean
Floor...
515 Caribbean Drive
Key Largo, Florida 33037

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations 4-H'ers of the Year

A special congratulations to:

Zach Lindsay who was recognized as the Santa Rosa County Senior 4-H Member of the Year for 2002.

Jeremiah Schultz was recognized as the Santa Rosa County Junior 4-H Member of the Year for 2002.

Randi Nall was recognized for the Outstanding Junior 4-H Record Book.

These outstanding 4-H members participated in a variety of 4-H activities and projects and are to be commended for their efforts and accomplishments.



4-H Club of the Year

Congratulations to **Royal Pride** for being recognized as the Santa Rosa County 4-H Club of the Year for 2002. The club members were involved in a variety of 4-H and community activities and the club conducted several community service projects.

Other clubs that were recognized and who are to be congratulated are: **5th H Juniors, Kat's Pajamas, Reef Riders, Santa Rosa Riders, Shepards Way, Silver Spurs, and Starletts.**

President's Student Service Award Winners

Congratulations to the 4-H members who received the President's Student Service Award. Contributing 50 hours of community service and receiving the Silver Pin and a certificate signed by President Bush were:

Shanna Dales, Seth Holland, Randi Nall, Jeremiah Shultz

Contributing 100 hours of community service and receiving a Gold Pin and a certificate signed by President Bush were:

Brittain Amos-Bankester, Stacey Dales, Chris Ducksworth, Justin Floyd, Dustin Holland, Kaitlyn Hudson, Parker Hudson, Zachary Lindsay, Aaron McCurdy, Jessica McCurdy, Katie McCurdy, Danny McCurdy, Jackson Mullins, Sarah Mullins, Matthew Nall, Lauren Pace, Tifanie Pitman, Michaela Sessions, Ryan Stephens



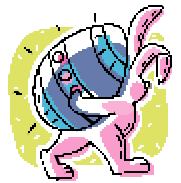
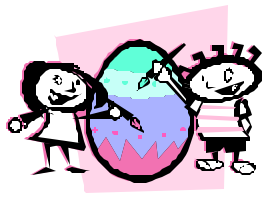
Sarah Mullins Flies off to Washington

Congratulations to Sarah Mullins who was selected as one of four 4-H members to represent the State of Florida at the National 4-H Conference in Washington DC March 30 to April 3. Sarah will be participating along with 400 other 4-H members from across the United States. The week will include visits to Capitol Hill, meetings with our Congressmen, tours of monuments and museum and leadership workshops. The youth will also be given the opportunity to discuss the needs and concerns of youth and the 4-H program and help make recommendations for the future direction of 4-H.

Sarah was awarded this trip based on her past outstanding 4-H participation, leadership, accomplishments and involvement in the 4-H program. Selection is based upon the 4-H portfolio and an interview.

Ocean Day Poster Winner

Congratulations to **Jeremiah Shultz** who entered the Ocean Day Poster Contest. Jeremiah's poster was selected to receive an honorable mention and he will attend an award presentation ceremony in Tallahassee on April 3.



4-H Calendar 2003 as of April 1, 2003

Please keep and post this calendar where you can easily refer to it for upcoming 4-H Activities. The calendar is updated monthly and sent out in the 4-H Newsletter. Check the calendar each month for additions and/or changes.

April

1	Tuesday		Registration Deadline for 4-H Day at Legislature	
3	Thursday	3:30 – 5:30 pm	New Office Open House	County Extension Office
4	Friday	5:30 – 8:30 pm	County Events	County Extension Office
7	Monday	4:00 – 6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
8	Tuesday	6:00 – 7:30 pm	SWAT County meeting	SRC Health Department
11	Friday	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Water Festival	PJC-Milton Campus
12	Saturday	10:00 – 1:00 pm	Walmart Garden Party	Walmart stores
12-20	Sat-Sun Week		Spring Break	School Holidays
15	Tuesday		4-H Day at Legislature	Tallahassee
18	Friday		Good Friday	4-H Office Closed & School Holiday
19	Saturday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Citizenship Club Car Wash	Hardee's Hwy. 90 - Pace
21	Monday	4:00 – 6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
21	Monday	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Listening Session	County Extension Office
26	Saturday	8:00 am	District Events	Crestview High School
28	Monday	4:00 – 6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
28	Monday	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Citizenship Club Meeting	Lutheran Services Office

May

2-3	Fri-Sat		Milton Relay for Life	PJC-Milton Campus
5	Monday	4:00 – 6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
9-10	Fri-Sat		Camp Counselor Training	Langley Bell 4-H Center
9-11	Fri-Sun		Shooting Sports Training	Camp Cherrylake
12	Monday	4:00 – 6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
14	Wednesday		4-H Portfolio & Scholarship Application Rough Drafts due to the County 4-H Office	
19	Monday	4:00 – 6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
19	Monday	6:30-7:30 pm	Citizenship Club Meeting	Lutheran Services Office
23	Friday		Santa Rosa County District Schools Last Day of School	
24	Saturday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Citizenship Club Car Wash	Whataburger - Pace
26	Monday		Memorial Day Holiday	4-H Office Closed
27	Tuesday		4-H Portfolio & Scholarship Application Final Draft due to County 4-H Office for forwarding to State 4-H Office	

June

9-13	Mon-Fri		4-H County Camp	Camp Timpoochee
30-July 3	Mon-Thurs		Shooting Sports Camp	Camp Timpoochee

July

4	Friday		Independence Day Holiday	4-H Office Closed
7-11	Mon-Fri		4-H Legislature	Tallahassee
7-11	Mon-Fri		Marine Camp	Camp Timpoochee
21-25	Mon-Fri		4-H Congress	UF Gainesville
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